

July 20, 2010

Dear Members of the House Ways & Means Committee

Re: Title of the Hearing: Social Security at 75 Years

I am writing to ask that you pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 235/S, 484), which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

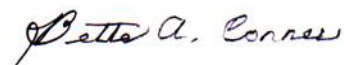
I am a retired elementary school teacher with 20 years in the Darien, CT, public schools. Prior to that I worked in business. Had I known that I would not be able to collect the full Social Security check that I am rightly entitled to, I doubt I would have gone into teaching.

I am 77 years old. My pension check is small because I didn't work my entire adult life as a teacher, and my Social Security check is only a fraction of what it should be (because of the GPO and WEP), making my monthly income rather meager in today's economy.

I urge Congress to move the Social Security Fairness Act forward for a vote. In addition, if Congress takes up overall social security reform, I urge inclusion of repeal of the GPO and WEP as part of any reform package.

I realize that it's a difficult time for the government to increase any SS spending, but I need your help. Please do the right thing.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bette A. Conner".

Bette A. Conner  
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